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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group I - claims 1-26 and 31-34 drawn to a product, and Species B - claims 8-26 for prosecution in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to protect the inventions of other groups and/or species. Applicants believe that claims 8-26 are readable on the elected species.

The Office Action identified Figs. 28-29 as covering the species set forth in claims 8-26. Applicants traverse to the extent that Applicants believe claims 8-26 are readable on Figs. 28-29 *as well as* Figs. 19-21.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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